

am asking that you adopt this amendment and strike Section 3 of LB 72 (sic).

PRESIDENT: We are discussing the Chambers amendment to 772. Senator Beutler. The speaking order after Senator Beutler is Senator Chizek, DeCamp and Hoagland. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think what Senator Chambers continues to skim over is the matter of intent. Much of the discussion that has been had so far today doesn't really have to do with Section 3, but, be that as it may, let me address Section 3. I think that it is true in a strict legal sense that you could do without Section 3. Section 3 is there to make clear to certain groups who are concerned about the bill, to make absolutely clear to them that they are not...that their activities are not prohibited. As is the case with us sitting here in this particular body, it is oftentimes very difficult for the public to understand the purpose and intent of very tightly drawn legal words. And so Section 3 there is to reassure people that are interested in reserve officer training programs, who are interested in sports activities, hunting, et cetera, who are interested in all these different types of activities, to reassure them that they are not included within the prohibitions of the bill. Language in other parts of the bill makes it equally clear, in my legal opinion, as a lawyer, we all understand that they are not included. So you can do what you will with Section 3 but it seems to me that there is a good argument to be made to leave Section 3 in. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I was just going to call the question.

PRESIDENT: I am going to say that it is a little early to call the question, but, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I will probably speak briefly at this time, I expect maybe to discuss the bill with you more further. I am opposing the bill. I know that probably doesn't make sense to some of you. But I see the bill as very, very dangerous. It is what we have done so many times in the history of this country that has not worked out, and that goes something like this. We see a particular problem and it is usually caused by economic